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1. INTENSIVE GOH TREATMENT OF ISLETAS PROBLEM WITHIN BANANA COMMISSION AND LAND REFORM AGENCY (INSTITUTO NACIONAL AGRARIO-INA) AND OTHER MINISTRIES HAS RESULTED IN TWO POLICY PAPERS AND A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 8 WITH LOCAL STANDARD REPRESENTATIVES.

2. COORDINATION OF LAND REFORM, AGRICULTURAL, LABOR, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL INPUTS GIVES EVIDENCE OF GOH INTENT TO PRODUCE A MODEL EFFORT ON THE ISLETAS PROPERTY. COORDINATION IS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY IN BOTH INA AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM OTHER MINISTRIES.

3. ONE PLANNING DOCUMENT IS A A GENERAL TRANSITORY AGREEMENT WHICH ESTABLISHES AN "EMPRESA ASOCIATIVA" WHICH IS TO TAKE CHARGE OF EXISTING BANANA PRODUCTION AND DIVERSIFICATION INTO OTHER CROPS IN THE 41,000 ACRE REGION. DIVERSIFICATION INCLUDES STUDIES OF LAND USE FOR CORN AND AFRICAN PALM,
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4. THE SECOND DOCUMENT IS A "FINAL AGREEMENT" BETWEEN STANDARD AND INA FOR THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS TO THE PROPERTY. IN ESSENCE, THE DOCUMENT IS AN EXPROPRIATION AGREEMENT UNDER THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW.

5. THE BANANA COMMISSION IS TO NEGOTIATE WITH STANDARD BEGINNING APRIL 8. AT DECISION ARE THE EXPROPRIATION AGREEMENT AND A POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF STANDARD'S SERVICES THE ISLETAS PROJECTS.
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